

## Agency Overview

The **Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program** provides eighteen Idaho students with the opportunity to complete their first year of medical training through the University of Washington School of Medicine's regional program at the University of Idaho's Moscow campus, sharing resources and faculty with the joint program at Washington State University in Pullman. After completing their second year of training at the medical school in Seattle, WWAMI students also have the opportunity to return and complete their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical training requirements in Idaho. These clinical rotations are coordinated through the WWAMI (Idaho) Office for Clinical Medical Education in Boise. WWAMI allows Idaho's medical students to complete much of their training in their home state, increasing their familiarity with the healthcare needs of their region and state, and increasing the likelihood that students will return to Idaho communities to practice medicine, once their training is complete.

The UI WWAMI Program is directed by Andrew Turner, Ph.D., who reports to the Provosts at both UI and WSU, and also functions as an Assistant Dean of the University of Washington School of Medicine. The WWAMI Clinical Education Program in Boise is directed by Jim Blackman, M.D., who reports to the Vice Dean for Regional Affairs at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and functions as Assistant Dean in Idaho. The UI WWAMI Program employs fourteen shared or full-time faculty and two administrative staff. Idaho students admitted to the WWAMI Medical Program are interviewed and selected by the Idaho Admissions Committee, a group of three Idaho physicians appointed by the Idaho State Board of Education, who work in cooperation with the University of Washington School of Medicine Admissions Committee. In 2004, the number of Idaho students applying to the WWAMI Medical Program increased to 140 applicants. This means that for every top student admitted to WWAMI, six other talented Idaho students have to leave the state to pursue medical training. It is likely that the State Board of Education and Idaho's medical education community will need to find greater means of educating physicians in Idaho, in order to keep up with the needs for physicians and medical education from Idaho's residents.

The WWAMI Medical Program is committed to helping prepare physicians for primary care practice, regardless of eventual sub-specialty selection, and to increasing the number of physicians who choose to practice in rural or underserved areas. There is also a strong commitment to the partnership between excellence in research and teaching in medical education. Cutting-edge research prepares the next generation of doctors to be well informed and at the forefront of clinical medical practice. The WWAMI faculty at the University of Idaho and the clinical faculty in Boise, Pocatello, and our rural training communities, are committed to being both dynamic teachers and informed biomedical scholars.

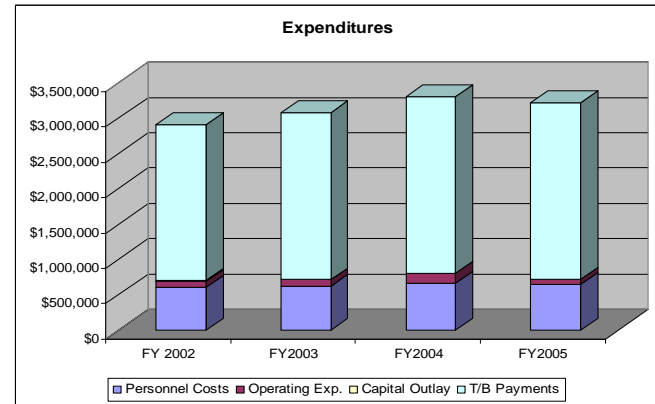
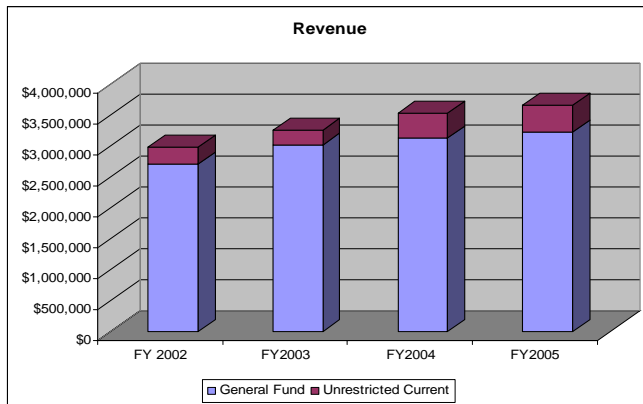
In addition, our WWAMI program goals include the continued development of the humanitarian and service interests of the medical students, and an enhanced ability to recruit from groups within Idaho that are traditionally underrepresented in medical school populations. To do this, WWAMI delivers a six-week UDOC summer high school enrichment program, to help encourage and prepare talented Idaho students from rural, underprivileged, or minority backgrounds who have an interest in medicine and health careers. Also, in 2004, WWAMI hosted the first Idaho Pre-Med Summit at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell. Nine college advisors and sixty premedical students from Albertson College of Idaho, Boise State University, BYU-Idaho, Idaho State University, Northwest Nazarene University, and University of Idaho attended the summit. The next summit is being planned for spring 2006.

## Core Functions/Idaho Code

The core function of the WWAMI Medical Education Program at the University of Idaho is to provide qualified Idaho residents with access and education in the first year of medical training as part of the Idaho State Board of Education's contract with the University of Washington School of Medicine. Idaho Code **§33-3720** authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into contractual agreements to provide access for Idaho residents to qualified professional studies programs, and specifically, the WWAMI medical education program (33-3717B(7)).

## Revenue and Expenditures

| Revenue                  | FY 2002            | FY 2003            | FY 2004            | FY 2005            |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund             | \$2,704,700        | \$3,011,900        | \$3,131,900        | \$3,227,200        |
| Unrestricted Current     | \$275,300          | \$252,200          | \$395,100          | \$437,800          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$2,980,000</b> | <b>\$3,264,100</b> | <b>\$3,527,000</b> | <b>\$3,665,000</b> |
| Expenditure              | FY 2002            | FY 2003            | FY 2004            | FY 2005            |
| Personnel Costs          | \$603,100          | \$622,000          | \$657,900          | \$653,000          |
| Operating Expenditures   | \$91,100           | \$89,100           | \$143,900          | \$62,500           |
| Capital Outlay           | \$16,200           | \$200              | \$0                | \$0                |
| Trustee/Benefit Payments | \$2,193,000        | \$2,361,800        | \$2,498,100        | \$2,509,700        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$2,903,400</b> | <b>\$3,073,100</b> | <b>\$3,299,900</b> | <b>\$3,225,200</b> |



## Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

| Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided  | FY 2002  | FY 2003  | FY 2004  | FY 2005  |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Recruit a strong Idaho medical student applicant pool for WWAMI (# of ID applicants)  | 118      | 103      | 104      | 140      |
| Select Idaho students with strong academic preparation for medicine (as evidenced by GPA & average MCAT scores)   | 3.8/10.7 | 3.7/10.3 | 3.7/10.4 | 3.7/10.0 |
| Admit the maximum number of Idaho WWAMI students allowed through annual legislative funding   | 18       | 18       | 18       | 18       |
| Provide excellent first year medical education in biomedical and clinical sciences (as evidenced by pass rate on the National medical Board Examination, Step 1 taken 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of medical training) | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     |
| Provide academic and professional support services with the goal of having all Idaho WWAMI students graduate from medical school (annual graduation numbers)  | 15       | 15       | 17       | 20       |
| Provide summer rural medical training opportunities with Idaho physicians and communities (number of WWAMI medical student placements per year)   | 16       | 19       | 18       | 18       |

**Performance Highlights**

Percent of 2004 ID WWAMI graduates going into advanced primary care training (residency level): 59%\*  
2004 percent of ID WWAMI graduates returning to Idaho to practice medicine: 43%\*

\*Data is currently being assessed for the figures to be published in the 2005 Idaho WWAMI State Report at the legislative conference in January, 2006.

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